

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS21116

This legislation updates Idaho's statutes for oil and gas exploration and production. This legislation amends Chapter 3 of Title 47 (Mines and Mining) governing Oil and Gas Wells, and Chapters 2 and 40 of Title 42 (Irrigation and Drainage – Water Rights and Reclamation). The following changes update this section of the law to align Idaho law with current regulatory standards, protect the citizens of Idaho, and clarify the authority of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

This legislation clarifies existing law as follows:

- Provides uniformity and consistency in the regulation of oil and gas production throughout the State of Idaho;
- Clarifies the scope of the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission's authority over oil and gas exploration and production;
- Clarifies the role of local governments in the oversight of the oil and gas industry;
- Provides for mitigation of negative impacts to existing water rights or usable water resources;
- Aligns the definition of injection wells with the federal 2006 Energy Policy Act.

### FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

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